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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 1-2 received by this Authority on 22-06-2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1-8 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing *(specify)*: _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing *(specify)*: _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>---</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1. Jin Xiaohui et al: "IAPP Enhancement Protocol", November 2001, IEEE document.

D2. Duolog Technologies: "WLAN Access Point IAPP Solution", 2002.

D3. US 6473413 B1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-8 is not disclosed by any of these documents. The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method of terminating access for a WLAN station. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-8 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

Claims

1. Network comprising at least one access point (AP1, AP2) and one access control-
ling node (WSN, AS), the access points making use of the IAPP protocol for inter
5 AP communication, wherein at least one station (STA1) may associate with the
access points (AP1, AP2), whereby the identity of the station can be approved by
the access controlling node (AS), wherein
- the access controlling node (AS) monitors whether a given station is having ac-
10 cess to any of a given subset of access points and monitors an account relating to
the given station being associated with a given access point of the subset of ac-
cess points,
- if detecting that the account relating to the given station is zero or if the user of the
15 station has been idle for a given length of time,
- the at least one access-controlling node (AS; WSN) issues at least one IAPP
message causing the AP of the subset with which the station is currently associ-
ated to disassociate the given station and thereby terminating access for the given
20 station.
2. Network according to claim 1, wherein a first access-controlling node (AS/ WSN) is
an authentication server connected to the Internet.
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3. Network according to claim 2, wherein a second access control node is provided,
the second access control node being a gateway node (WSN).
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4. Network according to claim 2, wherein the access-controlling node issues an IAPP
ADD notify message.
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5. Network according to claim 2, wherein the access-controlling node issues an IAPP
move notify message.

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6. Network according to claim 3, wherein the access-controlling node issues a Lock out request (103) to the gateway node.

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7. Access controlling node connecting to at least a group of access points, the access points making use of the IAPP protocol for inter AP communication and providing access to at least one station (STA1), the station (STA1), whereby the identity of the station can be approved by the access controlling node (AS), whereby

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the access controlling node (AS) is monitors whether a given station is having access to any of a given subset of access points and monitors an account relating to the given station being associated with a given access point of the subset of access points,

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if detecting that the account relating to the given station is zero or if the user of the station has been idle for a given length of time,

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the at least one access-controlling node (AS; WSN) issues at least one IAPP message causing the AP of the subset with which the station is currently associated to disassociate the given station and thereby terminating access for the given station.

- 25 8. Method of terminating access for a WLAN station comprising the steps of

monitoring whether a given station is having access to any of a given subset of access points and monitoring an account relating to the given station being associated with a given access point of the subset of access points,

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if detecting that the account relating to the given station is zero or if the user of the station has been idle for a given length of time,

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issuing an IAPP message causing the access point of the subset with which the given station is associated to disassociate the given station.